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FOOD PRODUCTION MEMORANDUM NO. 5

To: All Employees of the Food Production Administration

From: M. Clifford Townsend, Director of Food Production

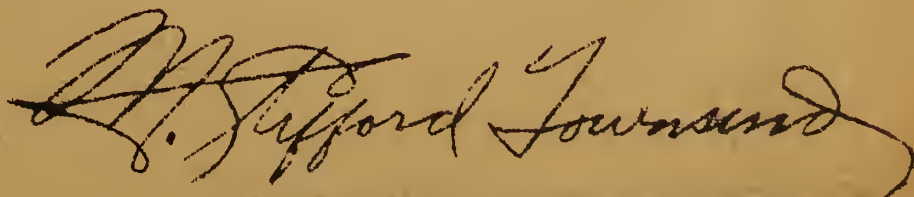
Subject: The 1943 Food Production Program in the War Effort.

I do not need to tell you of the critical importance of food production this year. Nor do I need to point out those obstacles which must be surmounted if the goals announced by the Secretary are to be met. The establishment of the Food Production Administration, in which are combined the Agricultural Adjustment Agency, the Farm Credit Administration, the Farm Security Administration, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, the Soil Conservation Service, and the Office of Land Use Coordination, along with parts of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the Office of Agricultural War Relations, and the War Production Board, was in itself a recognition of the need for united action on the food production front.

The Nation may be grateful that the various agencies and branches which compose the Food Production Administration are staffed with trained, competent and loyal employees who have over a period of years demonstrated their ability to effectuate production programs and policies. These employees worked wonders in 1942. We are depending on them to perform an even greater and more difficult service in 1943.

The Food Production Administration -- its personnel, property, equipment, funds, experience, and knowledge of farm matters -- is a part of the Nation's organization for total war. The resources of FPA, like the munitions and personnel of the Armed Forces, will be utilized in any and all ways which seem best calculated to achieve victory. In this connection, the Food Production Administration is unwilling to waste or dissipate its manpower resources and will discourage the release of employees to other agencies. Similarly, except in unusual cases, we will not recommend the release of persons who desire to accept commissions in the Armed Forces.

Employees of the Food Production Administration have a heavy responsibility. As conditions change, these responsibilities and our methods of meeting them will also change. I have faith that we will be found equal to the heavy tasks which confront us.



Director of Food Production

